

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9002

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Sergeant Steven Brooks of the Alcoa Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Steven Brooks of the Alcoa Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, an officer with the Alcoa Police Department since 1990, Sergeant Steven Brooks is taking his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Sergeant Steven Brooks has served his community, his State, and his country with honor and dignity for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran, Steven Brooks rendered sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard 278th Helicopter Aviation Division from 1982 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the Tennessee Army National Guard, he worked full time while also attending Walters State Community College, where he received a degree in criminal justice and completed a two-year internship with the Alcoa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Steven Brooks served as a probation officer from 1988 to 1990 for the General Sessions Court of Blount County prior to joining the Alcoa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, as an officer with the Alcoa Police Department, Sergeant Brooks worked in the patrol division for sixteen years and has spent the past sixteen years as the department's Support Services Division Quartermaster; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Brooks was the first bicycle officer for the Alcoa Police Department and was instrumental in the development of the department's Bicycle Unit; he has attended numerous specialized investigative schools and has served as a CPR instructor and a Rape Aggression instructor; and

WHEREAS, he was also the department's first Emergency Vehicle Operator Instructor and researched and implemented the newest emergency equipment for the patrol vehicles; he served as a Field Training Officer, was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, and later served as Field Training Supervisor before accepting his current position as Quartermaster; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive career, Sergeant Brooks has performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, helping his fellow citizens in any way that he could and proving himself time and again to be a tremendous asset to the Alcoa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Sergeant Brooks has received the Medal of Distinction, Life Saving Award, Officer of the Year Award, and American Red Cross's Blount County Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Steven Brooks exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Sergeant Brooks has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Alcoa; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Sergeant Steven Brooks of the Alcoa Police Department upon the occasion of his retirement and commend his many years of distinguished service, wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.